

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

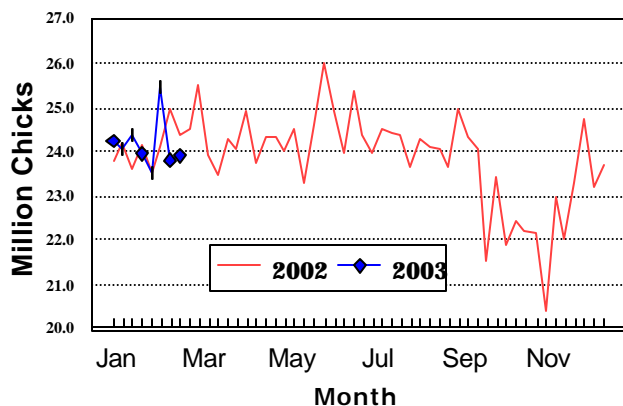
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending February 22, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but up slightly from the previous week, and included 2.05 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2002 through February 22, 2003 were 1.9 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.2 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

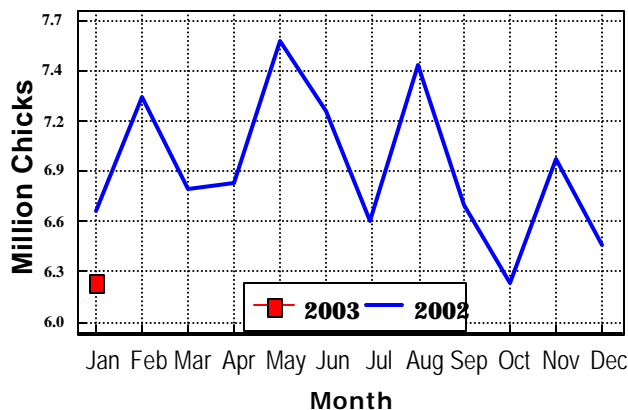
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 22, 2003, down fractionally from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2003, down 6 percent from January 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2001 - 2002**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Jan.	23,617	24,397	103
Jan.	24,158	23,950	99
Feb.	23,546	23,524	100
Feb.	24,115	25,475	106
Feb.	24,984	23,806	95
Feb.	24,382	23,899	98

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Aug.	7,494	7,449	99
Sep.	6,647	6,691	101
Oct.	6,704	6,265	93
Nov.	7,261	6,938	96
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98
Jan.	6,660	6,269	94

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	%	18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	%
Alabama	27,654 *	26,987	27,311	27,533	94	20,992	21,492	21,231	21,390	20,696	21,200	95
ARKANSAS	30,468	30,994	30,350 *	30,762	100	24,397	23,950	23,524	25,475	23,806	23,899	98
Delaware	3,607	3,489	3,348	3,295	92	5,317	4,775	5,018	4,698	5,539	5,114	106
Florida	1,587	1,609	1,605	1,598	69	1,555	1,689	1,754	1,393	1,739	1,740	69
Georgia	31,169 *	30,864	30,817 *	31,361	99	24,871 *	24,928 *	25,094	25,425	25,853 *	25,509	100
Kentucky	6,562 *	6,429	6,121 *	6,188	89	5,092	5,254	5,566	5,315	5,366 *	5,491	102
Maryland	9,935	9,897	8,694 *	9,351	93	5,583	6,493	6,274	6,265	5,601	5,732	85
Mississippi	18,885	18,501	18,912	18,447	97	15,873	15,937	15,968	15,479	15,967	15,727	101
N. Carolina	18,017 *	17,938	18,492	18,754	96	14,091	14,290	14,262	14,439	14,217	13,946	91
Oklahoma	6,695 *	6,432	6,395	6,632	100	4,066	4,289	5,624 *	4,259	4,509	4,720	94
Pennsylvania	3,631	3,447 *	3,440 *	3,306	83	2,576	2,510	2,523	2,482 *	2,535 *	2,627	105
S. Carolina	4,946	4,820	4,842 *	4,823	97	4,341	4,100	4,209	3,607	3,534	3,708	95
Texas	14,729	14,417	14,786	14,807	96	11,770	12,193	12,276	11,905	12,340	11,872	99
Virginia	6,515	6,520	6,491	6,562	98	5,214	5,007	5,287	5,617	5,612	5,286	101
CALAM,OTN,WV	19,586	19,682	18,671 *	20,143	99	17,866	19,138	17,864 *	17,206	18,758 *	18,408	97
Total 2003	203,986 *	202,026 *	200,275 *	203,562		163,604 *	166,045 *	166,474 *	164,955 *	166,072 *	164,979	
Total 2002	208,754	208,199	210,479	211,110		168,359	167,400	164,318	165,373	167,095	170,461	
% Prev. Year	98	97	95	96		97	99	101	100	99	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						08-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending February 22, 2003. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 22, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 22, 2003 were 1.32 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.